

MICHIGAN AFFORDABLE HOUSING COMMUNITY FIVE YEAR ACTION PLAN	
WORKGROUP NAME:	Ending Homelessness
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WORKGROUP STRATEGIC ISSUES:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increasing access to housing including: expanding private and non-profit development, security deposit funds for landlord damage guarantees, rental subsidies, “recovery “ housing, housing for chronically homeless populations, housing for ex-offenders and homeless youth, and more flexible models of supportive housing Increasing access to essential services including: credit repair, engaging hard-to-serve populations, shelter-based supportive services, site-based case management, daytime drop-in programs, child care support, transportation barriers, and collaboration between government, mainstream services and community-based agencies/services Increasing access to Medicaid and SSI/SSDI benefits for hard-to-engage homeless populations Increasing income by assisting homeless populations in developing basic work skills; targeting workforce development resources to these populations and linking supportive housing and employment supports Enhancing prevention by developing landlord partnerships and pro-active eviction prevention strategies Strengthening infrastructure through monitoring shelter system to improve quality; implementing standardized performance outcomes measures; addressing negative impacts of Federal policies; establish blending of state funding resources for more flexible use; and expanding staff development/training Increasing public support/political will by enhancing education/awareness to build engagement and support Addressing special challenges in serving rural populations Assuring full integration and implementation of recommendations emerging from Governor’s Policy Academy on Homeless Families and Children